

# B-2s participate in 'Resultant Fury' demo in Pacific



Top photo by Staff Sgt. Tia Schroeder Inset photo courtesy of Air Force Link

Senior Airman Billy Rowe, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron weapons loader,

maneuvers an inert Join Direct Attack Munition to be secured into a B-2 during Operation Resultant Fury. Inset: In 1921, the captured German battleship Ostfriesland was sunk by a squadron of Martin bombers led by Brig. Gen. Billy Mitchell. The experiment was the first time airpower was used to destroy a warship. Further bombing successes against such vessels proved their vulnerability to aircraft.

**By Maj. Don Langley** Public Affairs

Two B-2 aircraft flew a 23-hour roundtrip mission from Missouri this week supporting a two-day demonstration involving strikes by a variety of aircraft against maritime and ground targets in the Pacific.

The highlight of the demonstration was the sinking of towed target platforms by two B-52s using updated J-series satellite-guided weapons for the first time.

"We're using modified JDAMs that, when released, will rapidly be fed updated coordinates from (E-8C Joint Stars) aircraft ... at such a rate of speed that it doesn't matter how fast the ship is moving," said Maj. Gen. David Deptula, director of Pacific Air Forces air and space operations. "The bomb will continually be updated with the ship's position."

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"Although the B-2s didn't engage the moving maritime targets, they contributed to the overall air operation," said Lt. Col. Steve Basham, 393rd Bomb Squadron commander, after returning to Whiteman. "Our play was to push in as part of a strike package, searching for ships. By using the radar, we were able to identify potential targets located within a harbor. After determining the maritime situation, we set back up for emerging ground targets and engaged them with simulated weapons drops."

The idea of using airpower to maintain control of the seas dates back to the early days of

powered flight. In fact, the exercise name – Resultant Fury '05 – refers to a historical account of Brig. Gen. Billy Mitchell's bombing missions against target ships in the 1920s.

This was no simple recreation of an 80-year old experiment, however.

"This is the first time the Pacific Air Operations Center exercised a highly flexible kill-chain designed to reduce the time it takes to detect, track, target and destroy ground or maritime targets as

well as emerging time critical targets," said Maj. Eric Friesel, 509th Operations Support Squadron conventional combat plans officer.

Whiteman's aircrews joined B-52s flying from Louisiana and Guam, as well as B-1s from Texas. The exercise also involved E-3 and E-8C

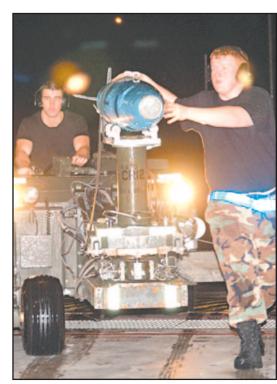


Photo by Staff Sgt. Tia Schroeder

Airmen 1st Class Michael Hafkey and Neal Rooney, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, transport a 500-pound Joint Direct Attack Munition to be secured into the bomb bay racks of a B-2 Spirit Bomber Nov. 19. Resultant Fury is a training operation in the Pacific theater involving a variety of aircraft to showcase the Global Reach mission of the modern U.S. Air Force bomber and the capability to engage a wide range of targets.

air battle management aircraft, F-15Es from Alaska, KC-135s from several locations and Navy P-3s and F/A-18s.

"The capability for Airmen to rapidly respond anywhere in the Pacific...in all weather, day or night, is crucial for (Pacific Command)," said Gen. Paul Hester, commander of Pacific Air Forces.

Editor's Note: Capt. David Faggard, Pacific Air Force Public Affairs, contributed to this story

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### **News in Brief**

#### Tree lighting ceremony set

The 509th Bomb Wing's annual tree lighting ceremony begins at 5 p.m. Dec. 6 on Spirit Boulevard and 3rd Street adjacent to the shoppette.

A reception follows at 5:30 p.m. in the community center and consists of free children's Bingo, a performance from Whiteman Elementary select choir, Santa visits and holiday crafts and tree decorations

Children's make-and-take crafts are free with the donation of canned goods that will go to the food pantry. Cookies, popcorn, hot chocolate and punch will be served.

#### **CPF limits service for training**

The civilian personnel flight has limited service Tuesday for a staff training session. Customers can leave a message at 687-6475.

#### **BCC luncheon scheduled**

The next Base Community Council luncheon begins at noon Dec. 2 at Mission's End. Higginsville is the featured community. The menu is chef's salad and the cost is \$8.50. Those interested in attending must R.S.V.P. by noon Monday. No late R.S.V.P.s will be accepted. To R.S.V.P. or for more details, call 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen at 687-6121.



# **COMMENTARY**

# A special holiday message from Air Force senior leaders

(Editor's note: This is a Thanksgiving message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper.)

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — "Each year, Americans set aside the special day of 'Thanksgiving' to gather with family and friends to count their blessings. At the first Thanksgiving festivals in the Virginia and Massachusetts colonies, the original settlers made praise and prayer for a bountiful harvest and hope for a promising future the centerpiece of their celebrations.

"This Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the blessings we have as Americans because our nation still holds the promise of bountiful lands and the right of freedom. We enjoy peace and prosperity like no other nation. The rest of the world admires our way of life because America's values are

"For Airmen, we count an extra blessing around the Thanksgiving table this year: the privilege of serving in the greatest air and space force in the world. By your professionalism, dedication and willingness to answer our country's call at a time of war, you stand as the shining example of strength, courage and patriotism for us all. Indeed, as Americans give thanks for their many blessings this Thanksgiving Day, they'll offer their gratitude to you for safeguarding our great nation.

"This Thanksgiving Day finds many of our Airmen deployed throughout the world in defense of America and to help give others a chance for freedom. Please remember them in your prayers and make sure their families are taken care of on this special holiday.

"We're very proud of you and your families for what you do to protect our cherished freedoms. Happy Thanksgiving!"



Photo by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

Master Sgt. Matt Cady, 509th Services Squadron first sergeant, loads Thanksgiving food items onto a truck as part of the Thanksgiving Food Basket program. The Whiteman First Sergeants Group delivered donated food to distribute needy Whiteman Airmen and families. More than 5,250 pounds of food were collected from each squadron.

# Dreams are achieved through setting goals

By Chief Master Sgt. Keith Hinners

509th Civil Engineer Squadron Superintendent

If you haven't done so by now, it's never too late to set goals for the betterment of your future. The best and most likely way to accomplish your dreams is by setting personal goals.

A good friend of mine, Chief Master Sgt. Gary Gentz has a saying I also like to use: "Dreams are where we end up, goals are how we get there." If you want to be a chief master sergeant or colonel some day then get on the stick now and set goals in place to get there.

If you are more interested in earning a bachelor's degree, you should set achievable goals to get you there. Or, if you want to do something like getting your savings account up to certain level, set realistic goals to get you there. I think you get the picture.

One thing we can control is our own actions. Success and dreams are rarely achieved by accident or luck; you must take action.

We preach an awful lot about the Air Force needs coming first. It is absolutely true, but there's still plenty of personal time left for you take actions to improve your future.

Whether that means going to school when you can, taking time to properly balance your checkbook and handle finances, or even spending quality evenings with someone special, the time is available. Good leaders know the mission is much easier to accomplish with a workforce full of successful people who are achieving their personal goals and dreams along the way.

More and more enlisted troops are earning bachelor's degrees each year. How do they do it while working full time? They start by planning around commitments, schedules and family obligations. They make a personal effort to take classes on a regular basis, and when they have to miss a semester, they return to classes as soon as possible.

The best way to improve your resume and opportunity for advancement is through education. You can't always control the job assignments or the experience you get, but you can surely control the education you receive.

There is a great myth in the military that most of us are forced into living at poverty levels and from paycheck to paycheck. I've been there, done that, and I'm very thankful for promotions, longevity pay raises and financial advisors.

Living paycheck to paycheck should not last more than a few years into your military career. Emergencies and family obligations do get in the way sometimes. However, I know some mid-level NCOs with a wife, children and 100,000 in savings.

How did they get there in just 10 or 12 years of working at our pay rates? They got there primarily by saving a portion of their paycheck each month, and by practicing a little bit of self discipline.

Poor spending habits have and are causing a big downfall in the quality of life of far too many Air Force families. Just wishing won't get you there — setting realistic goals will. If you are unhappy with your financial situation, get moving and seek some free advice available from professionals.

One thing you can always find within a military community is free advice. We have hundreds of real experts living and working all around: spiritual, medical, career, etc. These experts have already succeeded and have the answers you need. Seek out that experience to assist with setting goals.

Who better knows how to make chief or colonel than a real chief or colonel? I guarantee any chief master sergeant, — active duty or retired — would love to take time to give you some pointers on a successful Air Force career. Who best to give you financial advice than the



Photo by 2nd Lt. Allen Brand

Chief Master Sgt. Keith Hinners, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron superintendent, speaks to Staff Sgt. Joe Kerszik, Senior Airman Chad Kaliodes and Master Sgt. Mike Fusaro about goal setting.

financial expert at the family support center or one of those NCOs more than \$100,000 in a savings account? We are also one of the few organizations in the world with educational counselors on staff. They're eager and just waiting to help you achieve your goals.

The most important bit if advice I can leave you with is to take the time to ask for advice from people who've been there. Many different roads are available to get you where you want to go. Seek advice from the experts — successful people who've driven those roads. Put your goals on paper and re-evaluate them at least once a year. There's no need to learn all of life's lessons the hard way.

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Photo by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

### Starting the season early

Col. Matthew Erichsen, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, helps his son, Mark, make an Advent ornament at a Thanksgiving harvest meal and Advent craft workshop Nov. 19 at the base chapel. About 50 people attended the event.

# Security Forces tips for happy holidays

By Staff Sgt. Kevin Higgs

509th Security Forces Squadron

Winter holidays are a time for celebration. Homes and malls spill over with gift displays. Often, shoppers are distracted while they rush around, carrying too many packages. Homes are left empty in the great homeward-bound holiday migration.

This holiday season, don't let the holiday spirit move you to leaving your home and your wallet open to opportunistic thieves.

Use these tips to help ensure a happy holiday

- Don't shop 'til you drop:

  ✓ Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.
- ✓ Park in a well-lit area, close the windows and lock the car.
- ✔ Don't leave packages and boxes visible through car windows. Lock them in the trunk or take them directly home.
- ✓ Don't carry large amounts of cash. Pay with checks or credit cards whenever possible.
- ✓ Don't get overburdened with packages; always keep one hand free.
- Keep your purse close to your body, not dangling loosely. Put your wallet in your front pants pocket or in an inside coat pocket.
- ✓ Teach children to go to a store clerk or security guard if they get separated from you. When shopping online, use common sense to protect against fraud or ID theft.
- ✓ Familiarize yourself with the rules and policies of online stores and auction sites.
- ✓ Only shop with companies you know and make sure the site complies with industry security standards.
- ✓ Keep your personal information private and your password secure. Don't respond to requests for your password or credit card information unless you initiate the transaction.

Make sure you don't invite crime home for the holidays:

- ✓ Don't display gifts where they can be seen through windows or doors.
- ✓ Criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts. Ask for identification and call their

main office to verify their employment.

- ✓ It's not uncommon for people to try to take advantage of others' generosity during the holidays by going door to door for charitable donations when there's no charity involved. Ask for identification and how the funds will be used or instead, help a charitable organization you trust and respect.
- ✓ The holidays are a good time to update or start an inventory of your home.

Take photos or make videos of items and list descriptions and serial numbers. Having a detailed inventory can help identify stolen items and make insurance claims easier to file.

Don't make your office a target for crooks looking for extra holiday cash:

- ✔ Lock gifts purchased during lunch in a safe
- ✓ Always keep your keys and wallet with you. Secure purses, wallets or other valuables in a locked drawer or cabinet.
- ✓ Don't be embarrassed to challenge unfamiliar faces in the office.
- ✓ Don't announce that you are leaving town during the holidays. Don't offer information about co-workers' plans to callers

When you travel, be sure to take common

- ✓ Lock doors and windows when you leave, even for a few minutes.
- ✓ Stop mail and suspend deliveries, or arrange for a trusted neighbor to take in your mail, newspapers and other deliveries.
- ✓ Use timer lights to make your house look lived in.
- ✓ Stay alert. Pay attention to people and activities around you.
- ✔ Don't leave packages, luggage, cameras or purses in the car where they can be seen.
- ✓ Use credit cards or traveler's checks instead of cash.
- ✓ Put valuables in the hotel safe or hide them in a secure place.
  - ✓ Lock balcony doors.

For more details, call the 509th Security Forces Squadron Resource Protection Office at 687-4482.

# Wing honors new promotees in ceremony

The 509th Bomb Wing recognized 85 people at a ceremony Wednesday at Mission's End. They are:

Airmen Jonathan Black, 509th Security Forces Squadron, Michael Burns, 509th Maintenance Squadron, Teresa Lowery, 509th Services Squadron, Lawrence Pickett, 393rd Bomb Squadron, Brandon Robbins, 509th SFS, Crystal Ruiz, 325th BS, Adam Tate, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Jason Tolliver, 325th BS, Brandon Turner, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron, and Juan Vazquez Garcia, 509th Medical Operations Squadron.

Airmen 1st Class Travis Baldwin, 509th Muniions Squadron, Adam Colaprete, 509th MXS, Joseph Costa, 509th Communications Squadron, Jenna Davey, 509th Operations Support Squadron, Tara Freeman, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Michael Hall, 509th OSS, Steven Hawkins, 509th OSS, Nathan Hedrick, 509th MOS, Andrew Johnson, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, Jennie Lee, 509th CES, Courtney Light, 509th Comptroller Squadron, Martin Matherly, 509th CPTS, Matthew Ostberg, 509th CS, David Pape, 509th AMXS, Leah Porter, 509th MXS, Mykala Robinson, 509th OSS, Shane Roker, 509th AMXS, Edwin Salgado, 509th CES, Benjamin Stone, 509th MXS, Derek Vaughn, 509th OSS, Veronica Whitlock, 509th CS, and Willie Williams, 509th LRS

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Master Sgts. Mark Booher, 509th SFS, James Brewer, 509th MOS, Yolanda Newton, 715th Weapons Squadron, Scott Schoppenhorst, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, and Robert Waldorf, 509th CES.

Senior Master Sgts. Ray Guest, 509th MUNS, Michael Klintworth, 509th OSS, and Theodore Thomas, 509th CS.



Photo by Mark Vrlenich

### **Heavy load**

A bulldozer removes an underground gas tank Nov. 19 at the shoppette. New environmental standards led to replacing the underground tanks with three new aboveground tanks. The newer configuration avoids fuel leaks below ground. The shoppette's gas pumps are still available for customer use.

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Photo by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

For 18 years, Airman 1st Class Haida Boyd knew little about her culture until a trip to New York City, her birthplace, during Christmas 2003. The 509th Bomb Wing member is a descendant of seven eastern American Indian tribes.

# A cultural journey

# Native American Airman discovers heritage

By Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

Public Affairs

The questions lingered in her head each day she attended school while growing up in rural South Dakota.

Who am I?

For the first 16 years of her life, Airman 1st Class Haida Boyd, a descendant of Seminole, Cherokee and other eastern American Indian tribes, knew nothing of her culture.

"I felt misplaced," said Airman Boyd, 19, an emergency actions controller for the 509th Bomb Wing command post. "I felt I was missing out on something." Airman Boyd grew up in South Dakota,

Airman Boyd grew up in South Dakota, among one of the largest concentration of Native Americans in the country. While comfortable attending school with other Native American students, she said she could not have felt more different. Airman Boyd saw the native american students wearing the headbands, jewelry and even participating in powwows during school presentations. Other children told her about their Native American culture.

"They knew a lot," she said. "Even the younger kids knew. They knew about their history; they knew what they were a part of. It was amazing."

Her father, who has lived in Long Island, N.Y., all 58 years of his life, sent her photos of Native American history, jewelry, bracelets and toys. But she said she didn't realize their significance or meaning. Then, one summer day, as she flipped through a book about native Americans in the family study, her mother told her.

Airman Boyd learned she was a fullblooded Native American, and a descendant of seven eastern Indian tribes. She also discovered she was the daughter of an Indian chief, and an Indian princess.

While growing up, Haida had little memory of her father. Her parents divorced when she was six months old and her mother rarely spoke of him. Her mother moved her to Philadelphia before eventually settling in Aberdeen, S.D.

A faded picture of her father in his headdress, and a black and white stenciled drawing that she kept in a cardboard box in her closet were the only images she had of Samuel Boyd, also known as Chief Little Fox.

When Haida's family moved 18 miles east to Groton, S.D., she put her questioning on hold. She attended a predominantly white school at Groton, and said other students taunted her, called her names and even used racial slurs.

Her mother, Autumn, often would find her daughter in tears after school. Sometimes Haida had bruises from scuffles with other students. Finally, her mother had seen enough. She moved the family back to Aberdeen.

Airman Boyd, now 16, said she put the memories of her painful times at Groton behind her. She became friends with students of western American Indian tribes, and participated in rituals and activities of their respective cultures. But her questions about her own history resurfaced.

She could wait no longer. Haida found her father's address and phone number in her mother's address book and wrote him a letter

During the next two years, Airman Boyd and her father kept close contact through phone calls and letters. Finally, at 18 during a family vacation in California, she worked up the courage to call him. Haida decided to enlist in the Air Force in August 2003 and wanted a final chance to find her long-awaited answers before

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# 1st Sergeant's View

(Editor's note — The 1st Sergeant's View gives Whiteman first sergeants a chance to remind people of correct uniform wear, customs and courtesies and proper military decorum. Each week, a different first sergeant will share their view.)

#### By Master Sgt. Dannette Nall

509th Comptroller Squadron Additional Duty First Sergeant

The Government Travel Card is a great tool for travelers. It eliminates the need for travel advances and puts the means to pay for official travel expenses directly in your hands.

Before you take advantage of this great tool, be sure you know the rules and regulations concerning GTC usage. The Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation Volume 9 Chapter 3 covers these rules.

As the base program coordinator for the GTC, I've realize many people don't know or understand the basic rules. I will give you a few important and generally unknown facts about the GTC.

First, the GTC should only be used for official travel such as a permanent change of station or temproary duty assignment. Second, it's mandatory to use the GTC for airfare, lodging and rental vehicles related to official travel.

One exception to the mandatory usage rule is infrequent travelers. If a member doesn't travel more than two times a year,

GTC usage is not required but is still authorized. Mandatory usage is enforced at the commander's level, not finance.

Authorized travel expenses will be reimbursed on your travel voucher regardless of how you paid for them.

Now the question is, "What can you purchase while on official travel?" The GTC should be used for normal travel expenses such as: airfare, lodging, rental vehicle, fuel, meals, taxi and parking.

There are other authorized expenses but, more importantly, here are some things you can't use your GTC for: repair of your vehicle during official travel, leave expenses for leave en route to TDY or PCS, items needed to do your job at a TDY location, or personal items such as physical training wear.

A good rule of thumb is, if it can be reimbursed on your travel voucher it's an authorized purchase. Also, don't spend more than your entitle. Find out what you're authorized for per diem before you depart and limit your GTC usage to that amount. Pay your bill on time. The bill is due on the 28th of every month for all purchases made before to the third of the month. Being deployed or on a lengthy TDY doesn't justify late GTC payment. Make arrangements for payment before you depart.

That brings us to the last item of importance — it's mandatory for all military and civilian members to split disburse on their travel vouchers. This is done by the traveler annotating the amount to split in the



Photo by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

Master Sgt. Danette Nall, 509th Comptroller Squadron, speaks with Airman 1st Class Daniel Rivera, 509th CPTS, about proper use of a Government Travel card.

block at the top of the voucher.

Finance can't split disburse unless the traveler provides the amount to be sent to Bank of America. The traveler's supervisor is responsible for ensuring split disbursement is used and covers the amount due to BOA. Finance only ensures the supervisor has signed the voucher.

The GTC provides the military with many travel advantages such as immediate cash or purchase ability for short notice deployments. But, with any great program comes some pitfalls. These pitfalls can be avoided by simply knowing the facts concerning GTC. And, as with anything, anytime you are unsure — check the regulation.



Photo by Maj. Don Langley

#### First snow of winter

Rickey Button, a non-appropriated funds laborer with the 509th Services Squadron, clears snow from the sidewalks around the Whiteman Inn Wednesday. Snow plow crews from the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron and building custodians around base spent most of the morning working to keep ahead of the first snowstorm of the season. See Page 9 for a list of news sources that provide inclement weather reporting instructions.

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> Airman 1st Class Haida Boyd 509th Bomb Wing

departing for basic training.

"Dad," Haida said. "This is my last Christmas before I go into the military. Can I come visit you?"

"Yes, my baby doll," Samuel said. "I will do everything to get you here."

Samuel borrowed money for Haida's bus ticket to New York City. As soon as they left the bus station, Samuel began to tell his daughter about her culture's rich history.

He told Haida how her tribe named Long Island, or Sewanhackey. He continued to talk to her, when they went to eat, walking on city streets, on a subway train, and in taxi cabs. Airman Boyd sat, dumbfounded. She even shed a few tears as her father told her about

her heritage.

"It was kind of shocking," she said. "It was a weight off my shoulders. I felt uplifted."

Airman Boyd said her father's numerous speaking engagements limited their conversations. Her father is an avid speaker for eastern Native Americans, frequently making speeches and public appearances to educate others.

"He respects his culture – he honors it," she said.

"I want her to keep her culture alive so that her generation will know it," Chief Little Fox said. "I want her to know who her father is and how I became the ceremonial chief."

Samuel said tribe members take a vote to select the most suitable leader within their tribe.

Haida continues to speak to her father. While just beginning to understand her culture, her longstanding doubt has been replaced with pride, she said.

Airman Boyd attends powwows, wears a decorated headband to display her heritage. Powwows are a social gathering of tribal nations.

"I'm proud of what I am," Haida said.
"Because there's not a lot of us. I like to let people know we're still here and we still keep our culture and our way of doing things."

# Air Force filled with American Indian symbols and history

**By Master Sgt. Greg Henneman** 49th Fighter Wing

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. (AFPN) — The Air Force is filled with titles and symbols of American Indian culture and history. In fact, the service's most highly respected ranks and positions take their origins from American Indian roots.

Most apparently, the title of chief is bestowed on those who hold the positions of greatest honor and responsibility. Taken from the American Indian title chieftain, the head of a tribe, a chief has come to describe a leader with the highest level of authority and respect.

First to hold this title, in 1775 the Continental Congress placed the moniker of commander-in-chief on Gen. George Washington. The heads of each military service carry the title chief of staff and make up the Joint Chiefs of Staff who serve as the military advisers to the president and secretary of defense.

In the sister services, titles such as chief petty officer and chief warrant officer denote those serving in special positions. Likewise, the Air Force adopted the rank of chief master sergeant in 1959, respecting the imagery of wisdom, strength and bravery encompassed in the title of chief.

Like the prestigious ranks, the Air Force's most public and celebrated organi-

zation took its name from American Indian culture: the Thunderbirds. When the Air Force established its aerial demonstration unit in 1953, it adopted the thunderbird title, influenced by the strong American Indian culture in the American southwest.

A mythological creature, American Indian cultures spoke of the thunderbird in terms of great fear and respect. Some described the thunderbird as a giant eagle or hawk that caused the Earth to tremble when it took to the sky as thunder erupted from its wings and lightning shot from its eyes.

Not only does the aerial demonstration team exemplify the legend of the thunderbird in name, but Navajo leaders specifically granted the aerial demonstration team permission to use the thunderbird title and symbol. To the Navajos, the image of the thunderbird is that of an important guardian spirit which promises success in war and a long life. Today's Thunderbirds hold the 16-by-20 foot painted symbol on the floor of their maintenance hangar in such high regard that waxing the emblem is looked upon with the same reverence as the raising and lowering of the American flag. The logo is protected by a heavy rope supported by four brass poles so no one can accidentally step on the sacred symbol.

Although the Air Force just celebrated its 57th anniversary, Airmen serve a nation that is more than 228 years old, and a cause of freedom that is as old as human kind.



Photo by Senior Airman Michael Frye

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — The Air Force Thunderbirds perform a six-ship formation flyover. Navajo leaders specifically granted the aerial demonstration team permission to use the thunderbird title and symbol. To the Navajos, the image of the thunderbird is that of an important guardian spirit which promises success in war and a long life.

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### Civilian employee(s) of the week

Darci Robbins and Lynn Castro, AAFES Dry Cleaners clerks, are this week's Civilian Employees of the Week. Capt. Tami Laco, 509th Medical Group, nominated them for the award. Captain Laco met Ms. Robbins after business hours and Ms. Robbins and Ms. Castro offered to open the store so Captain Laco could pick up some uniform items she needed the next day. "They were not only willing, but they were eager and happy to do it," Captain Laco said.

### **Whiteman Spirit Award**



#### Airman 1st Class William Piper

509th Comptroller Squadron

Airman 1st Class William Piper, 509th Comptroller Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, Nov. 15.

Staff Sgt. David Farrell, 509th Medical Operations Support Squadron, nominated Airman Piper for the award.

Airman Piper provided assistance to Sergeant Farrell during Sergeant Farrell's TDY to MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. Sergeant Farrell said Airman Piper willingly answered his numerous questions during his stay at MacDill.

"Airman Piper has always gone above and beyond to make sure that I'm taken care of and everything is done right the first time," Sergeant Farrell said. "He's very knowledgeable of his job and duties and if he hasn't been able to answer a question directly, he's researched it. That's priceless in my book."

#### **Personally Speaking**

Duty title: Document processing tech-

**Time on station:** 1 year, 5 months. Time in service: 1 year, 11 months. Hometown: Philadelphia, Pa. Hobbies: Playing sports, watching

movies and spending time with my wife. Goals: Finish my bachelor's degree, go

Law School and attend public service. Best thing about Whiteman: The people.
Pet Peeves: Hearing the words "No," or "I can't." I believe anything is possible if

people are willing to work for it.

What motivates your winning spirit? I am most motivated by a fear of failure.

If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be? I would move this base next to the greatest place on earth: Philadelphia, Pa.

#### Submitting a Whiteman Spirit Award

Individuals are nominated from within their units or by customers impressed by the individual making Whiteman a better place to live and work by going far beyond his or her assigned duties to "make it happen."

If you know someone who has the Whiteman Spirit, send the nomination to the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 509, Suite 111, or

e-mail whiteman.spirit@whiteman.af.mil.

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#### Friday, Nov. 26, 2004 WHITEMAN SPIRIT

# Behind the scenes, 509ers maintain security for B-2



Senior Airman Anthony Clement teaches Airman 1st Class Joshua Knight proper troubleshooting tech-

niques on the Integrated Commercial Intrusion Detection System. This machine simulates alarms, tam-

pers and normal readings used for training purposes. They're members of the 509th Communications

Squadron Visual Imagery and Intrusion Detection Systems shop.

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Senior Airman Anthony Muller, 509th Communications Squadron, adjusts a microwave perimeter detection system device. The 18-member visual imagery and intrusion detection systems shop is responsible for maintenance efforts that help sustain \$10.2 million worth of VIIDS anti-intrusion equipment. This equipment includes 110 cameras that monitor the fences surrounding the flight line and the weapons storage area, and 1,700 electronic sensors used for intrusion detection. VIIDS members are also responsible for the installation, operation, and repair of interior and exterior sensors, annunciators, fiber optic networks, perimeter closed-circuit television surveillance systems and direct line telecommunications equipment. On average, VIIDS shop members perform 300 preventive maintenance inspections and 70 priority work orders each month. The 509th CS VIIDS shop received six consecutive Nuclear Surety Inspection Superior Team Awards and the Air Combat Command Maintenance Effectiveness Award for fiscal 2003.



Airman 1st Class John Tremblay, 509th Communications Squadron, ensures a sensor post junction box operates according to specifications. These devices are part of the system designed to detect attempts to penetrate the 7.5 miles of fence line surrounding the flight line and weapons storage area.



during routine maintenance to measure the resistance of a circuit card used in a security system. Visual imagery and intrusion detection systems shop members conduct preventative maintenance inspections and documentation. They also ensure work meets applicable specifications, standard installation practices and safety requirements.



box to ensure the security device's detection thresholds are within standards. If the device is not accurate within specified parameters, a walk test is conducted within the affected area. This test determines where system weaknesses are located so visual imagery and intrusion detection shop members can perform calibrations to affected areas and restore accuracy to security devices.

### Family album



Ashley Lauren, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Paul and Cristy Treece, was born Oct. 12, and weighed 8 pounds and 11 ounces.



Avery Alexis, daughter of Staff Sgt. Jason and Juli Hemphill, was born Oct. 25, and weighed 6 pounds and 11 ounces.



Mitchell Abe, son of 2nd Lt. Joseph and Sarah Garner, was born Oct. 31, and weighed 6 pounds and 5 ounces.

#### Photos unavailable

Matthew Gunner, son of Tech. Sgt. Shelby and Jennifer Crites, was born Oct. 27, and weighed 8 pounds and 13 ounces.

**Aaron Joseph**, son of Airman 1st Class Aaron and Nicole Shirley, was born Oct. 30, and weighed 5 pounds and 15 ounces.

**Thomas James**, son of Staff Sgt. Matthew and Heather Leipart, was born Nov. 1, and weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces.

Sydney Lynnelle, daughter of Airman 1st Class Brian and Nicole Watkins, was born Nov. 16 and weighed 8 pounds.

#### **About the family album**

The family album runs the last Friday of every month. Parents interested in placing a newborn's photo in the Whiteman Spirit can either submit a non-copyrighted photo or have a photo taken 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays in Bldg. 509, Suite 111. For more details, e-mail whiteman.spirit@whiteman.af.mil or call 687-6133.



# Spirit Spotlights

... on Senior Airman Vera Camu-so, Tech. Sgt. David Sheets, Master Sgt. Jeffrey Callaway and 1st Lt. Michell Long, the 509th Medical Group Airman, NCO, senior NCO and company grade officer winners for July-September,

. on the Whiteman Library Story Writing Contest winners for grades one through four: Nathan Ford, son of Staff Sgt. Luke and Lori Ford, 509th Mission Support Squadron, **Haleigh Hamrick**, daughter of Master Sgt. Mark and xxxxx Hamrick, 509th Services Squadron, Emaya Reed, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Marcus and xxxxx Reed, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and Christina Spinks, daughter of Tech. Sgt. James and Meg Spinks, 509th Munitions Squadron

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Photo by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

#### Reading time

Clifford the Big Red Dog and Debby Brito read a storybook to children at the base library. Clifford and representatives from KMOS-TV visited the library for National Young Reader's day Nov. 10. More than 113 children and parents attended. The theme for this year's event was "Celebrity Read-In," which encouraged participating schools and libraries to invite a local celebrity to help instill a greater love of books and reading.



Courtesy photo

### Master gardener

Lt. Col. Mike Wardell, 509th Bomb Wing, is welcomed into the Johnson County (Mo.) Master Gardeners' Group in Warrensburg by retired Master Sgt. Barb Fetchenhier. To become a Master Gardener or for more details, call Anne Patrick at 660-747-8902, 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. weekdays.



Did you know you can fill out a Department of Defense Form 2266, Hometown News Release, for a variety of accomplishments? For more details, call Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole at 687-6125.



If you have any details concerning a crime and wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stop at 687-4636.

# Menus

Friday:

#### **Knob Noster Elementary School**

Fish sandwich, corn, Jell-Monday:

O and fruit

**Tuesday:** Lasagna roll up, green

beans, a brownie, an apple

and bread

Wednesday: Chicken patty, new potatoes, broccoli, grapes and

a roll

Thursday: Barbecue pork, potato

tots, spinach, a banana

and cherries

Friday: Pizza, salad, beets and an

orange

#### Whiteman Elementary School

Monday: Hot turkey sandwich,

salad, fruit and a cookie

**Tuesday:** Chicken noodle soup, toasted cheese sandwich.

salad and fruit

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed

potatoes with gravy, green beans, fruit and a roll

Thursday: Chicken patty, french

> fries, fruit and cake Hamburger, french fries,

corn and cookies

## **Chapel Corner**

#### **Catholic**

Eucharist (mass) — 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays;

5 p.m. Saturdays; and 9 a.m. Sundays

Reconciliation — After mass and upon request

Religious Education — 10:45 a.m. Sundays at the base education

and training center **Protestant** 

General worship - 11 a.m. Sundays

Gospel — 1 p.m. Sundays

Sunday School — 9:30 a.m. Sundays

Additional worship opportunities are offered through various lay councils, organizations and activities. For more information, call 687-3652.



Photo by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

#### Street flush

Senior Airmen Chris Mann and Ludwig Reuner, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, hose down a street near Enterprise Hall. The Airmen unearthed a broken waterline and a plumbing team repaired the damaged pipes. The Airmen were removing mud from the pavement for motorist safety.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### **Community**

#### **ALS** retreat set

Airman Leadership School invites Team Whiteman to the retreat ceremony beginning at 4 p.m. Dec. 10 at the base flagpole in front of the bomb wing building. All participants must be in place by 3:45 p.m. For more details, call 687-4498.

#### Recycling program online

The recycling program is expanding and has included a Web Site on the Whiteman intranet site. The Web Site is updated weekly by noon Monday and contains information about recycling as well as information about a resale store. Visit

https://intranet.whiteman.af.mil/509BW/509MSG/509CES/RRRP/rrrpindex.htm for details, or call Pat Martinez at 687-2017 or Wayne Blindauer at 563-1122.

#### **Education**

#### AFAS grant available

The Air Force Aid Society 2005/2006 General Henry Arnold Education \$1,500 Grant Program applications are available at the family support center. Interested people may pick up an application at the FSC or go online to https://www.afas.org.

For more information, call the FSC at 687-7132

#### Microsoft certification available

The Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support announced a fully-funded pilot testing program that provides free Microsoft certification test to eligible service members.

The number of tests is limited and are issued on a first-come, first-served basis. For more details, visit the Web Site at http://www.dantes-microsoft-test.com or call Larry Broudrick at the base education and training center at 687-2420.

#### Scholarship program announced

The scholarships for military children program in currently underway. Administered by the Fisher House Foundation and funded by manufacturers and industries supporting military commissaries, the program has awarded more than 2,000 scholarships to sons and daughters of active-duty service members totaling \$3 million.

The program is available to unmarried children 21 years old or younger. Applicants should have a current ID card and ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applications are available at commissaries or online at http://www.militaryscholar.org.

### Help keep 'em flying

Report illegal drug activity to Detachment 207, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, by calling 687-1852 or the 509th Security Forces Squadron Law Enforcement desk at 687-3700 after duty hours.



#### You can never B-2 safe!

# **SPORTS**



Photos by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

### New gym hours announced

Above: Senior Airman Rachel Hoyt, 509th Maintenance Squadron uses a weight machine at the fitness center. Right: Senior Airman Angelia Martinez, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, works out her biceps. The 509th Services Squadron recently announced new fitness center hours effective Wednesday: 4:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays, holidays and down days. For more details, call the fitness center at 687-5496



## **AF Academy Sports**

# Falcon women pound Cal-Davis

**U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AFPN)** — Three Falcons scored in double digits as the Air Force Academy women's basketball team won its first game of the season with a 75-61 victory over the University of California-Davis in the consolation game of the Radisson Inn Air Force Classic here Nov. 20. With the victory, the Falcons improve to 1-1 on the season, while the Aggies fall to 0-2.

Both teams battled evenly throughout the first half with eight ties and six lead changes. With the score knotted at 30-30 with just over a minute and a half remaining, the Falcons went on a 4-0 run to take a 34-30 advantage into the locker room.

Air Force came out from the break on fire, scoring the first 7 points of the second half, and never looked back. The Falcons did not trail for the remainder of the game, leading by as many as 19 points with less than three minutes on the clock. Although UC-Davis went on a 9-4 run to

close out the contest, it was not enough to catch the Air

The Falcons shot 43.5 percent for the game and out rebounded UC-Davis 44-35, grabbing 21 boards on the offensive glass. Air Force also forced 28 Aggie turnovers in the game, getting 21 points. Pamela Findlay led the Falcons in scoring with14 points, while adding two rebounds, two steals, an assist and a block in just 15 minutes. Also scoring in double-digits were Briana Thomas, who had 11 points, seven rebounds and four steals for the Falcons, and Letricia Castillo with 11 points and four rebounds. Other leaders for Air Force included Jennifer Roesch with 8 points, five rebounds, three steals, and a career-high three blocks and two assists, and point guard Lauren Henderson, who dished out a team-high seven assists to go with her 5 points. Air Force plays again Nov. 26 and 27 in Flagstaff, Ariz., for the Northern Arizona Thanksgiving Tournament.

### Falcon water polo team finishes seventh at tournament

**DAVIS, Calif. (AFPN)** — On the strength of a spectacular first-half showing, the ninth-seeded Air Force Academy water polo team defeated sixth-seed Santa Clara University on Nov. 20 in the seventh-place game of the Western Water Polo Association Tournament here.

With the victory, the Falcons finish the season at 8-22. Santa Clara scored the first goal of the game, capitalizing on an extra-man opportunity to take the early lead. But, Air Force managed to keep the Broncos scoreless for the remainder of the first half, while recording six goals of their own to take a 6-1 lead into intermission.

The Falcons extended their lead to as many as six, giving them a 9-3 lead midway through the fourth quarter. Santa Clara rattled off three straight scores before the game ended, but it was not enough as Air Force was able to avenge a 9-6 loss to the Broncos three weeks earlier.

Murphey Morgan, who ends his career as the fifth-leading scorer in academy history, notched three goals, two steals and an assist to lead the Falcons' offense.

Clark Condict added two goals, while Matt Herrera, Justin Berry, Chris Nary and Kyle Schafer all had a goal each. Meanwhile, the player of the game for the Falcons was team captain Jared Jones who recorded seven saves, five steals and an assist in goal.

# Falcon wrestlers conclude weekend at Kaufman-Brand

**OMAHA**, **Neb.** (**AFPN**) — Matt Benza finished fifth in the 133-pound weight class, while two other Falcons were place winners in the 20-and-under age division to lead the Air Force Academy wrestling team Nov. 20 at the Kaufman-Brand Open here

Benza won his first three matches of the day before dropping a 12-5 decision to eventual tournament champion Nathan Morgan of Oklahoma State University. He was then pinned in 1 minute and 34 seconds by the University of Iowa's Gabe Ruhkala. Benza went on to defeat University of Nebraska-Omaha's Mitch Waite, ranked third in Division II, by a medical forfeit to take fifth place.

In the 20-and-under division, heavyweight Trey McLean finished fourth, while Steven Ratley placed fifth at 165 pounds. McLean won his first two bouts of the day, but fell to University of Nebraska-Kearney's Tervel Dlagney, who went on to win the heavyweight title. He rebounded with three more victories to move into the third-place match; however, McLean could not hold on for another win, falling to Nebraska-Omaha's Tony Lewis in 5:56.

Meanwhile, Ratley won his first three matches of the day, two by falls, before losing an 8-0 decision to eventual winner Brandon Mason of Oklahoma State. He then dropped an 8-6 decision to third-place winner Donnie McMillin before rebounding with a 2-1 decision over Chadron State College's Brett Hunter. The Falcons travel to Norman, Okla., for the Oklahoma Open on Nov. 27.



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#### **Scrapbooking Workshop Christmas Cards**

Make gorgeous Christmas cards yourself in our holiday workshop 9 a.m.-3 p.m Dec. 4 at the skills development center. Participants can make 20 cards for \$20. Call the skills development center at 687-5691 to sign up or for more information.

### **Sports & Recreation**

Stars & Strikes 687-5114



#### **Outdoor Recreation** 687-5565

#### Overtime rock climbing

Join outdoor recreation in nighttime rock climbing Dec. 3 and Dec. 17. Certified climbers can climb 5:30-9 p.m. A certification course for new climbers takes place 6-8 p.m. Call outdoor recreation for more details and to sign up for this free event.

#### Rock climbing class

Learn the basics to rock wall climbing 9-11 a.m. Dec. 4 on the 20-foot wall at outdoor recreation. Learn hands-on knowledge about safety procedures and use of equipment. Call outdoor recreation for more details about this free

#### Fitness Center 687-5496

#### Jingle bell jog

Enjoy a 5K walk/run beginning at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 15. The fitness center will provide a jingle bell to be worn on your shoe during the run. Call the fitness center for more details about this free event. Sponsored in part by Gatorade.\*

#### Travel & Leisure

**Tickets & Travel** 687-5643

#### Falling leaves and falling prices

Autumn is here and prices are falling at Tickets & Travel. Before you drive to Branson, Mo., stop by Tickets & Travel to save money on Branson's Christmas shows, Silver Dollar City and hotels. Call Tickets & Travel for more information.

#### Food & Fun

Mission's End 687-4422

#### NFL Sunday

Watch the NFL game 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday and earn a chance to win an X-Box and "Madden 2005" to be given away at the annual super bowl party. Free event for club members only.

### **Community Activities**

#### **Community Center** 687-5617

#### Tree lighting and reception

The tree lighting begins at 5 p.m. Dec. 6 next to the shoppette. The reception follows at the community center at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to enjoy refreshments, holiday music and a visit from Santa. At 6 p.m., children ages 5-13 can participate in bingo. Donate a canned food item and make a holiday ornament to take home. Call the community center for more details.

#### **Christmas tree contest**

Decorate a tree at your workplace and enter it in one of

categories: traditional, one-of-a-kind, pitiful, thematic or most elaborate. Enter the contest at the community center between Wednesday and Dec. 10. Prizes will be awarded to the first place winner in each category. Call the community center for more details.

#### **Shopping trip to Kansas City**

There's a holiday shopping opportunity for Whiteman families and Airmen 12-7 p.m. Dec. 11. The cost is \$5 per person. Space is limited. Sign up by Dec. 10 at the community center.

#### Whiteman numismatic

Do you have an interest in coin collecting? This is a free opportunity for all ages to have a licensed coin grader appraise your coins 7-9 p.m. Fridays at the community center. Call the community center for more information.

#### Line & couple dance lessons

Free basic instructional dance lessons for line and couples 6-8 p.m.Wednesdays. Western dances you will learn include: "Boot Scoot", "Romeo", "Cotton Eye Joe", "Two-Step", "Waltz" and "Cha Cha". Call the community center for more information.

#### **Teen Center** 687-5819

#### Dinner and a movie

Teens can travel 5-10 p.m. Dec. 3 to Sedalia, Mo., for pizza and a movie at the Galaxy Theater. Transportation will be provided; bring money for food and movie admission. Call the teen center for more information.

#### **Youth Center** 687-5586

#### **Topsy turvy night**

Get ready for a fun and silly night, kindergarten through fourth grade, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Dec. 3. Wear your clothes inside out, play games going backwards, create unique objects from model magic or clay, watch "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" and more! Sign up Monday at the youth center. There is a \$5 fee for members and \$6.50 for non-members. Call the youth center for more information.

#### Skate day

Youth, kindergarten through seventh grade, can bring their rollerblades, skates or scooters and enjoy an afternoon of skating to their favorite music 3-5 p.m. Dec. 4. The youth center gym will be set up for free skating, and the snack bar will be open to purchase food and drinks. Sign up Monday at the youth center.

#### **Hangout night**

The pre-teen bucks store opens to redeem your accumulated points for prizes 6-9 p.m. Dec. 4. Enjoy games in the gym or lobby, challenge your friends to a video game, or watch a movie on the big-screen TV. The game cabinet will also be open to play board games, Game Boy, crafts or cards. There is a \$2 fee for members and \$3 for non-members. Sign up Monday at the youth center.

#### Skills Development Center 687-5691

#### **Basic crochet class**

Take a beginner basic crochet class 2-4 p.m. Dec. 4 at the skills development center. The \$10 fee includes supplies. Call the skills development center for more details or stop

#### **Doll making class**

Take an introduction class on how to make a mini angel doll 1-4 p.m. Dec. 10. There is a \$10 fee for supplies. Call the skills development center for more details or stop by to sign up.

#### **Ornament making**

Ornament making class takes place 6-8 p.m. Dec. 9. Make an etched glass ornament for the holidays! There will be a \$10 fee, including supplies. Call the skills development center for more details or stop by to sign up.

#### Library 687-5614

#### **CLEP and DANTES exam prep guides**

Check out the library's collection of CLEP and DANTES exam preparation guides; the collections include recommended textbooks and videos. Visit the Web site at http://www.WhitemanAFBlibrary.org to locate the Air Force Educational Center practice exams or contact the base library for more information.

#### Story time

Story time for children 3- to 5-years-old begins at 10 a.m. Wednesdays in December. Stories will be presented and crafts will be made weekly. For more information call the library or visit the Web site at: http://www.whitemanAFBlibrary.org.

#### Family Child Care 687-5590/1180

#### Profitable home-based career

Care givers are needed for evenings, weekends, swing-shift workers, infants and for mildly-ill children. The Air Force offers a subsidy for providers who are willing to meet these critical needs. Providers who hold a standard license are subsidized \$125-\$150 a week per qualifying child.

### Veterinary Clinic

#### Protect pets from winter's woes

No matter where you live, the winter season may bring hazards that you should be aware of: wind chill can threaten a pet's life, no matter what the temperature. Call or visit the veterinary clinic for other winter tips and information.

#### Whiteman Inn 687-1844

Friday

#### Lodging holiday policy

During the holiday season, Team Whiteman members can make family reservations up to two weeks before their family arrives through Jan. 31 at the Whiteman Inn. People can reserve a total of three nights at a time, with the option to extend, based on availability. Call for more information.

#### **Whiteman Base Theater**

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Team America: World Police 7 p.m. Animated **Saturday** Surviving Christmas 7
Starring - Ben Affleck & James Gandolfini PG-13 7 p.m. Sunday

Surviving Christmas 5:30 p.m. Starring - Ben Affleck & James Gandolfini

> Adults \$3.50 Youth \$1.75 Movie recording line 687-5110. Movies are subject to change due to availability. For current and future movie listings log on to

http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/whiteman.htm.